

OCEANIA ASSOCIATION OF VETERAN ATHLETES

POLICY STATEMENT - No. 2.2

This Policy Statement was endorsed by the Council at its meeting on 16 January, 2000

OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS:

ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPETITION

BACKGROUND:

The OAVA Constitution does not include criteria for eligibility for Oceania Regional Championships. In particular there is no requirement for athletes to be members of their national association.

The OAVA Council is firmly resolved that athletes competing at Oceania Championships should be current financial members of the national body of an Affiliate.

This view is based on the desire to assist the development of strong national associations in order to promote the growth and development of veteran athletics in Oceania. It is those national bodies which contribute to and participate in the functions, administration and financial affairs of OAVA.

However, it is accepted that rigid adherence to such a policy is not practical in respect of all Affiliates, due to administrative and local differences.

Currently, Council believes the policy set out below can only be applied to Australia and New Zealand.

POLICY STATEMENT:

It is basic Council policy that all athletes competing in Oceania Championship competitions must be current financial members of their national association.

However, it is accepted that this policy can only practically be applied at present to athletes from Australia and New Zealand.

Organising Committees for Oceania Championships must:

- include this requirement in Entry Forms;
- provide a list of entries received from Australia and New Zealand to the national body of each of those Affiliates so that the eligibility of those athletes can be confirmed (preferably lists should be supplied on a progressive basis);
- include the requirement for membership on any Confirmation of Entry;
- ensure that confirmation of membership for each entrant is received from each national body;
- ensure that unqualified entrants are not permitted to compete.

Relevant Resolutions:

Council 1/15 January, 1999